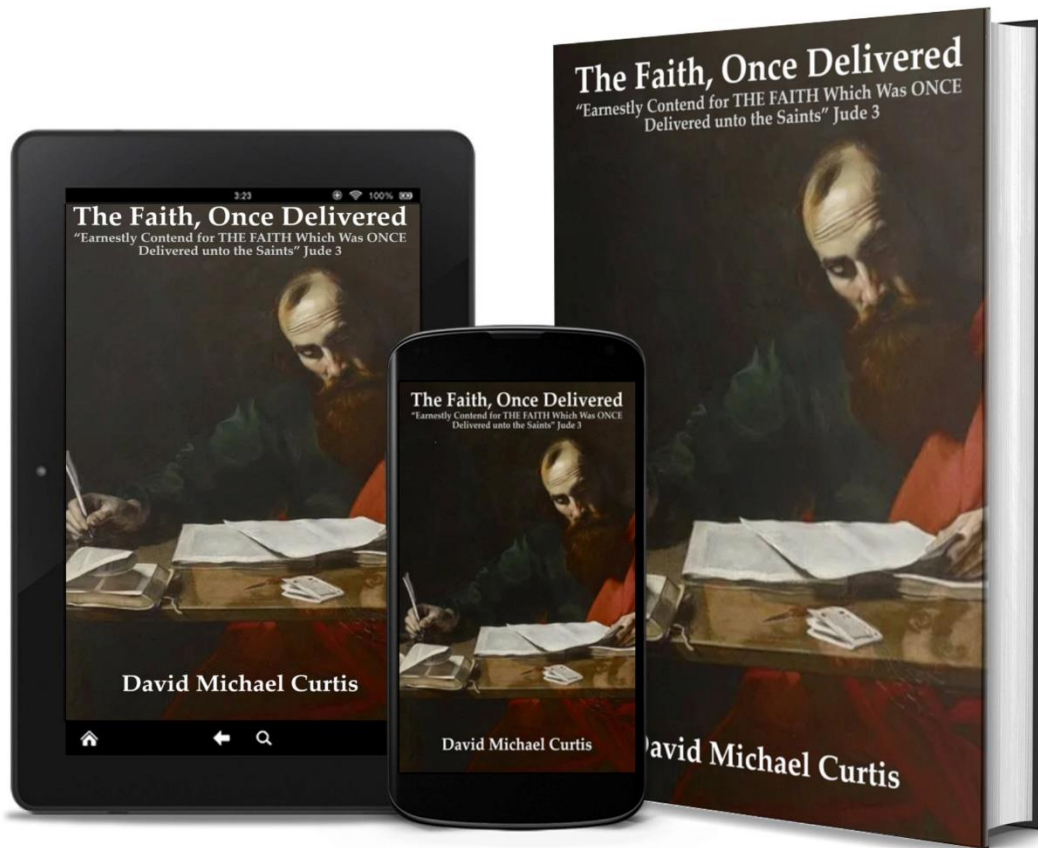




“Earnestly **Contend for THE FAITH Which Was
ONCE Delivered unto the Saints” Jude 3**

By David Michael Curtis

The Faith, Once Delivered to the Saints

1. One eternal God, creator of all, in three persons
2. Christ's identity, in the law & prophets, as creator & God of Abraham
3. Christ's humanity, born seed (in the flesh) of Abraham & king David
4. Christ's righteousness, sinless, blameless, innocent, without fault
5. Human depravity: all have sinned, none doeth good
6. Christ's authority, head of the church, has all power, king of kings
7. Christ's commandments: love, forgive injuries, repent, be baptized
8. Christ's death & burial, his trial and crucifixion, for the sins of the world
9. Christ's resurrection must believe the eyewitness accounts of
10. Christ's ascension, went into God's presence, purged our sins, sat down
11. Grace, salvation wholly of God, not by any works we do
12. Faith, salvation is a gift, unmerited by God's love, through Christ
13. The atonement, a gift, through the cross, alone, once & eternal, by which we are reconciled, forgiven, justified, sanctified & perfected
14. Imputed righteousness, made righteous by faith in one man's obedience, the man Christ Jesus
15. Be converted as a little child
16. Hear, understand, believe, & keep the gospel of Jesus Christ
17. Confess Christ, Jesus is Christ, the son of the living God, Jesus is the Lord
18. Confess sin to God, as against God only
19. Repentance, turn away from sin & follow Christ
20. Ask, seek, knock, for forgiveness, and the Holy Ghost
21. Baptism, understand, & believe the gospel before being (born of water)
22. Name of the Lord, God's tri-unity, father, son, & Holy Ghost
23. Born of the spirit, sealed unto the day of redemption
24. Christ's intercession, as high priest, man's only mediator before God
25. One worldwide Christian church, with no divisions, not any one group
26. Unite weekly with Christ's body, partake in the Lord's supper
27. Forgive injuries from the heart
28. Reconciliation, repaying debts before offering gifts, owing nothing but love
29. Walk in the newness of life, strive to observe all that Christ commanded
30. Take up the cross daily, remember the cross, and confess sins to God daily
31. Teach to observe all that Jesus Christ commanded
32. Baptize whosoever, any, all who are taught, believe & repent
33. Love one another, do good deeds to those in need that can't repay
34. Do not be deceived; avoid gross sins, apostasy, and heretical teachers
35. Separation 'come out of her,' and that affirms idolatry and sexual immorality
36. Watch and pray, read the bible, and pray especially with Bible promises
37. Endure, persevere with patience, be faithful until death
38. Second coming, raised from the dead, made like unto angels, eternal life
39. The judgment, books in heaven opened, the lake of fire
40. New heavens and new earth, new Jerusalem, and God living among us

How the Apostles Shared the Gospel.

The Acts of the Apostles contain 13 sermons. A close examination reveals the "talking points" the Apostles used to share the gospel.

"Some Believed, And Some Believed Not." Acts 28:23-28

1. Jesus' "Miracles and Wonders and Signs."

Acts 2, Acts 3, Acts 10

2. Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion.

Acts 2, Acts 3, Acts 4, Acts 10, Acts 13, Acts 26

3. Jesus' Resurrection.

Acts 2, Acts 3, Acts 4, Acts 10, Acts 13, Acts 17, Acts 26

4. Jesus Fulfilled the Prophets.

Acts 2, Acts 3, Acts 4, Acts 10, Acts 13, Acts 26, Acts 28

5. Repent!

Acts 2, Acts 3, Acts 13, Acts 20, Acts 26

6. Be Baptized!

Acts 2, Acts 10

7. Salvation, Only In Jesus Name.

Acts 4, Acts 10, Acts 13, Acts 20

8. Jesus Is Seated on the Throne of God Right Now.

Acts 2, Acts 3

9. Jesus is our Judge.

Acts 10, Acts 17

Teaching "the Gospel" from Isolated Texts?

(A partial and incomplete list; is it still the Gospel?)

Those using one of the incomplete lists below are doing it with a good conscience because evangelism opportunities are brief, often only providing an opportunity to share ONE verse with someone. So, share this document and encourage every believer you know to grow in their faith in Christ by adding to their understanding of Christianity, making it richer and fuller.

At times, "The Gospel" is taught from Romans 10:9-11, 13:

- 09. **Christ's resurrection** must believe the eyewitness accounts of
- 16. **Confess Christ**, Jesus is the Christ, the son of living God, Jesus is the Lord

At other times, "The Gospel" is taught from 1 Corinthians 15:1-4:

- 08. **Christ's death & burial**, his trial, and crucifixion for the sins of the world
- 09. **Christ's resurrection** must believe the eyewitness accounts of
- 13. **The atonement**, a gift, through the cross, once & eternal, by which we are reconciled, forgiven, justified, sanctified & perfected

Among the Baptists, "The Gospel" is taught from "The Romans Road," Romans 3:23; 3:10; 5:12; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10; 10:13; 10:17:

- 05. **Human depravity**, all have sinned, none doeth good
- 08. **Christ's death & burial**, his trial, and crucifixion for the sins of the world
- 09. **Christ's resurrection** must believe the eyewitness accounts of
- 13. **The atonement**, a gift, through the cross, once & eternal, by which we are reconciled, forgiven, justified, sanctified & perfected
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Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron teach, "The Gospel" starting with the Ten Commandments or the Sermon on the Mount, concluding with the "Sinners Prayer." Have you lied? Have you lusted? Have you stolen anything?

- 05. **Human depravity**, all have sinned, none doeth good
- 17. **Confess sin** to God, as against God only
- 18. **Repentance**, turn away from sin & follow Christ
- 16. **Confess Christ**, Jesus is the Christ, the son of living God, Jesus is the Lord

The Churches of Christ teaches "The Gospel" as 'the five steps of salvation:' 1. Hear the Gospel. (Romans 10:17, John 8:32). 2. Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31). 3. Repent of past sins (Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30). 4. Confess faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32). 5. Be Baptized (Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38). 6. Be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10)

- 15. **Hear, understand, believe, & keep** the gospel of Jesus Christ
- 18. **Repentance**, turn away from sin & follow Christ
- 16. **Confess Christ**, Jesus is the Christ, the son of living God, Jesus is the Lord
- 20. **Baptism**, understanding, & believing the gospel before being (born of water)
- 28. **Walk in the newness of life**, strive to observe all that Christ commanded
- 33. **Do not be deceived**; avoid gross sins, apostasy, and **heretical teachings**
- 36. **Endure**, persevere with patience, be faithful until death

We want to encourage the reader that no matter which method introduced you to Faith in Christ, to ADD TO YOUR FAITH and GROW IN CHRIST. Now that you have a more complete list, climb the ladder. Believers are complete in Jesus Christ regardless of how long their list is, so long as they have faith and are bearing fruit. So never judge yourselves as superior to others if you have a more complete list than others.

2 Peter 1:4-11 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience Godliness; And to Godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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John 6:47 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that
believeth on me hath everlasting life.**